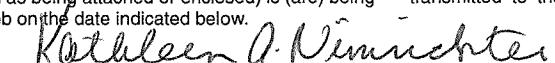


## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>	Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING THE BUSINESS AND ENGINEERING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A SUPPLIER AND A BUYER										
	First Named Inventor:	Pedro Luiz Discacciati Fortes, et al.									
	Application No.:	09/929,376									
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	Confirmation No.	1002									
	Examiner:	Clement B. Graham									
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Art Unit:	3692									
	Last Office Action:	June 20, 2007									
<b>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.</b> Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.											
<p>1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on _____.</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-Form 1449 and references</p> <p>iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Attachment to Amendment - 3 pages of Dictionary Definitions</u></p>											
<p>2. Miscellaneous</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and request a <b>two-month extension of time</b> to respond to the outstanding Office Action.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>											
<p>3. Fees: The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The applicable fees are being charged to a credit card via the EFS Web. The Director is hereby authorized to charge underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to <b>Deposit Account No. 06-0308</b>.</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e), and if applicable, the search and examination fees</p> <p>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Excess Claim Fees, as delineated below:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>(1) FOR</th> <th>(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR</th> <th>(3) NUMBER EXTRA</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>TOTAL CLAIMS</td> <td>14</td> <td>- 20 = 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</td> <td>2</td> <td>- 3 = 0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT LESS HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	TOTAL CLAIMS	14	- 20 = 0	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	- 3 = 0
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<p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Fay Sharpe LLP</p> <p></p> <p>Mark S. Svat, Reg. No. 34,261 1100 Superior Avenue, Seventh Floor Cleveland, OH 44114-2579 216-861-5582</p>											
<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence (and any item referred to herein as being attached or enclosed) is (are) being transmitted to the USPTO by electronic transmission in accordance with CFR § 1.8 via the EFS Web on the date indicated below.</p> <p>November 20, 2007</p> <p></p> <p>Name: Kathleen A. Nimrichter</p>											